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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) A Police Squad, consisting of one Sub-Inspector and six constables, working under the State Transport Department enforces the queue system. The Police constables posted at bus stops for preventing pocket picking also enforce the queue system as it reduces scope for pocket picking. No separate police men are detailed solely for enforcing the queue system.

(*b*) No, Sir.

Formation of Dakshina Pradesh

* 115 *Q*.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any decision in May 1956, on the proposal to form a Dakshina Pradesh; and

(*b*) if so, whether this Government have informed the Central Government about their views on the proposal?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Strike notice from the teachers of Ganapath High School, Kozhikode

* 116 *Q*.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any strike notice in June-July 1956 from the teachers of Ganapath High School, Kozhikode, and the teachers of other schools managed by the Malabar Education Society; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Strike notices have been received from the teachers of the schools at Kozhikode, Kallai and Tanur.

(*b*) The main reason for the strike resorted by the teachers is the abnormal delay in the disbursement, by the management, of the salaries and dearness allowance due to them. In the case of the schools at Kozhikode, Kallai and Feroke, orders have been issued for the departmental disbursement of the arrears of salaries and dearness allowance due to the teachers and other staff, by utilizing the teaching grant for 1954–55 and advance teaching grant for 1955–56 payable for the schools. The advance teaching grant payable to the Tanur School for 1955–56 has also been permitted to be utilized for departmental disbursement of the arrears of the teachers' salaries. The teachers of the Kallai and Tanur Schools have since withdrawn the strike resorted to by them.

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : They have been paid something. But there is still no guarantee as to the future payment. The statement made by the Hon. Minister himself showed that it was from an advance teaching grant that this amount was paid. May I know what steps Government propose to take to ensure proper payment of salary within reasonable time in the schools conducted by the Malabar Education Society?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That matter is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the teachers of Devadar High School, Tanur, were not paid their pay for nine months and dearness allowance for thirteen months although the terms of the agreement were made applicable to that school. Even yesterday the Welfare Committee of that School informed me through phone that no disbursement of pay had been effected so far. Will the Government and the Hon. the Leader of the House see that these teachers are immediately paid according to the terms of the agreement so that the teachers may be enabled to celebrate the Onam festival before 20th of this month?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This is a private management and Government have done their best to see that the teachers are helped to the maximum extent possible. What to do with the future administration of the schools is under the consideration of the Government as I have already stated.

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Government consider the desirability of taking over the ill-managed private schools? 10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is also one of the proposals under consideration. But I am told that there are certain legal difficulties in the way. So we have to take a decision after going fully into the matter.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : In view of the occurrence of disputes, especially in the schools managed by the Society, the schools are closed very often and the students are put to difficulties. To avoid those difficulties arising out of the action of the management, will the Government either settle the dispute expeditiously or take over the schools as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The difficulties involved are quite obvious and they need not be restated. But the question in this case is one of mismanagement by a private body and not a question of dispute. Therefore what has got to be done in the circumstances will have to be fully considered.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : I am sorry the Hon. Minister for Education did not catch the point I was attempting to make out. The Government of course were kind enough to allow the District Educational Officer to disburse the arrears of pay from out of the teaching grant for 1954–55 and the advance teaching

grant for 1955-56. But the same principle was not applied to the Devadar High School, which is run by the same management, even though the management requested the Government to apply the same principle to that school also. Therefore may I know from the Hon. Minister whether the principle that has been applied to the Kallai and Kozhikode schools will be applied to the Tanur Devadar High School also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know how the hon. Member has got the information that some different principle is applied to the Devadar High School. The same principle has been adopted with regard to the Devadar High School also. This is the information I have got and it may be right or wrong: "The teaching grant due to the management has been disbursed to the teachers and they have withdrawn the strike from 8th August 1956. In the case of this school also, the strike has been withdrawn and the teachers have resumed their work from 8th August 1956. Orders have been passed with reference to the 1954-55 grant and also with reference to the 1955-56 grant." Therefore there is no question of this school being treated on a different basis.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : From the questions put by the hon. Members, there seems to be a difference of opinion on the facts of the case themselves. The information furnished by the Hon. Minister for Education seems to be wrong. As a matter of fact, there has been no strike in that particular institution; there has been only a strike notice. In view of that, will he make further enquiry into the matter? After all, the principle is accepted. Whether some mistake has crept in in the application of that principle is not quite clear.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have received a full report from the Education Officers. "The strike threatened by the teachers in Feroke has been postponed *sine die*. With reference to the Devadar High School, the teachers of this school struck work from 1st August 1956, and they resumed work from 8th August 1956 after orders were passed on the grants payable and also the advance grants." From the definite information available, I am in a better position to say what has happened there.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Questions are put to elicit answers from the Minister concerned and he reads the answers from the file supplied to him. Is the Minister right in saying that the answers may be wrong? Are we here to take wrong answers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I depend upon the facts furnished by the officials. But the hon. Members assert the other way, between the official version and the assertion of the hon. Members who come from that area, I have got to be cautious in giving the answers. If the hon. Members get offended at my being cautious, I cannot help it.

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: The facts furnished by the Hon. Minister and the hon. Member are not contradictory. The Government sanctioned payment by the District Educational Officer and the teachers withdrew the strike. The fact is that payment has not been made by the District Educational Officer to the Tanur Devadar High School. Therefore will the Government see that the payment is made early?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The hon. Member might be correct. As orders were passed only in the first week of August, actual payment might not have been made. But the question is whether the teachers went on strike and they resumed their work. The information available with me is that the teachers went on a strike, and they withdrew it naturally after the orders were passed by the Government.

MR. SPEAKER: Question time will be extended by ten minutes.

Removal of 1,200 four-inch pipes from Mangalore

* 117 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras has recently passed orders to remove 1,200 four-inch pipes kept for protected water-supply purposes from Mangalore to Tamil Nad; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (a) & (b) A portion of the pipes found surplus to the sanctioned scheme has been railed out of Mangalore. Further despatch of the excess quantity has been deferred.

House-sites for Harijans

* 118 Q.—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations, dated 30th April 1956 and 10th June 1956, from the Harijans of Athur village, Kuliperai, Pudukkottai Division, Tiruchirappalli district, regarding the acquisition of house-sites for Harijans; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (a) The representations were received by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli.

(b) The Collector of Tiruchirappalli has directed the Harijan Welfare Inspector, Pudukkottai, to submit proposals for the acquisition of lands for provision of house-sites to the Harijans of Kuliperai and Athur villages.